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Subject: Re: I would rather tax less and spend less...  
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I love my current business, but I miss the hardware store. My Dad started it in 58, I bought it from him in 85, and closed it to open more rental stores in 95. The profit was gone. HD, Lowes, WalMart, had driven it out. There were also massive shifts going on in wholesale and suppliers. I should have just put the key in the door and kept the inventory. It really pisses me off to go buy a bolt for .50 when I know the cost is .05. We were an old time store. Wood floors, antique ceiling fans, grumpy old guys who knew everything, relic of a bygone high service age. I have made it a point not to shop the big boxes. We have another really good hdwe store here, he's too high, but I don't care. I refuse to shop at the boxes unless there's no choice.

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